

September 2006

Potato Creek State Park

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PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.
All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. (Eastern Time Zone)
PARENTS: an adult must accompany Children under 14.
www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/parks/potatocreek.html



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2006

- 10:00 a.m. **FISH PRINTS** - Try your hand at the art of fish printing. Bring a washed T-shirt to decorate or use our paper. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 2:00 p.m. **REPTILE REVIEW** - Come learn a little about our local reptiles and then meet one up close and personal. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2006



- 10:00 a.m. **BIRD ID BASICS** - Pick up some tips on identifying birds in an indoor program and then practice at our bird window. 45 min's **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 2:00 p.m. **MAKIN' TRACKS** - Learn a little about animal tracks and make a track craft to take home with you. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. **TREE ID SPREE** - Learn how to identify trees by their leaves in this hands-on program. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **LIFE AT A BEAVER POND** - This spectacular video highlights nature's best engineers and the life around their ponds. 1 hour **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2006



- 10:00 a.m. **IN-SHAPE HIKE** - Come take a 2 mile hike with us as we participate in the Governor's In-Shape Indiana program. Indiana State Department of Health will provide FREE t-shirts (first come-first serve) **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **OH DEER!** - We'll take a fascinating look at White-tailed Deer, and the controversies surrounding them. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

- 2:00 p.m. **SECRET WORLD OF BATS** - Come enjoy this fascinating video featuring bats from around the world. 50 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006



- 7:30 a.m. AUDUBON FIELD TRIP** – Join the local Audubon club for a morning of birding to take advantage of the acres of mud flats which will be exposed and we hope the shorebirds will be doing the same. **MEET: WHISPERING WINDS PICNIC AREA**
- 10:00 a.m. SPIDERS!!** - Could you make a web? Find out how it's done as we take a look at these fascinating creatures. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 2:00 p.m. THE WILD SIDE** – Come hear about what the park is doing to restore natural areas and manage the park for wildlife. 45 min's **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

- 2:00 p.m. FARMLAND TO PARKLAND** – Learn a little about the history of and development of the park in this slide show. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

Prairie Harvest Weekend

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

Prairie Maze Opens Today!! Park at Deer Meadows Pick up guide pamphlets at main gate & nature center



- 10:00 a.m. PRESCRIBED FIRE DEMONSTRATION** – Hear a little about the planning of a prescribed prairie fire and then see some of the tools demonstrated (weather permitting) **MEET: Nature Center**

- 1:00 p.m. WOOLY BEARS (\$1 fee)** - It's about time for "wooly-watching." Learn a little about these fuzzy caterpillars and then create one of your own to take home.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

- 1:30 p.m. LEAF PRINT BANDANA (\$5 fee)** – We'll share some crafty ways to capture fall colors and then let you decorate a bandana with colorful leaf prints. Limit 40.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

- 2:30 p.m. SEED JEWELRY (\$1 fee)** – Create a unique bracelet out of seeds and other natural items to take with you.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

- 3:15 p.m. HARVEST WREATH (\$1 fee)** – Make a harvest wreath to take home to decorate your door by braiding these leaves.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

Craft Session Fees - *Material fees are per craft supply set. There will be a limited number on some crafts. Craft tickets may be purchased in the Nature Center on Saturday September 23 beginning at 9:00 am.*

- 4:00 p.m. SCARE CROW DECORATING CONTEST (\$10/team fee)** – Get together a team and come get creative to win a prize! There will be a limited number of scarecrows, so sign up early. Sign-up begins at 9am at Nature Center. **MEET: Nature Center Yard**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

- 10:00 a.m. PRAIRIE WALK** – Come along on this easy walk to see and learn more about the tall grass prairie of the past. 1 hour. **MEET: Whispering Winds P. Lot**

- 2-3:30 p.m. PRAIRIE RESTORATION WORKSHOP** - This in depth look at prairies will touch on their history and how to plant and manage a small prairie. Participants will learn how to select a site, obtain seed, stratify seed and techniques for planting.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium



September Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: CLOSED

